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SUBJECT: POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ROMANIA

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE LATEST ROUND OF ANNUAL GERMAN/
ROMANIAN POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AT THE POLITICAL
DIRECTOR LEVEL PRODUCED SOME MOVEMENT IN BILATERAL
RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CONSULTATIONS HELD IN BONN MARCH 31, APRIL 1 BETWEEN
FRG POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL AND ROMANIAN VICE
MINISTER GLIGA RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON READING ROOM
SITES. PROSPECTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF HIGH LEVELS FOR
EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE
REMAIN GOOD. GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE A CULTURAL
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PROTOCOL AND TO GAIN AN EXEMPTION FROM CURRENCY
EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL.

2. READING ROOMS: GLIGA AND VAN WELL AGREED TO
EXCHANGE SPECIFIC BUILDINGS. THE ROMANIANS WILL BE
GIVEN OUTRIGHT A MODERN BUILDING IN MUNICH. THE GERMANS
WILL BE GIVEN A LONG -TERM LEASE ON AN AGING BUILDING IN

BUCHAREST WHICH WAS ONLY "SLIGHTLY DAMAGED" IN THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE. THE EXCHANGE WAS MADE PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT DATING FROM CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO THE FRG IN 1973. A "TECHNICAL AGREEMENT" MUST STILL BE CONCLUDED, BUT OUR FONOFF SOURCE (THE ROMANIAN DESK OFFICER) BELIEVES THE GERMAN READING ROOM IN BUCHAREST MAY BE OPEN BY THE END OF 1977. THE AGREEMENT IS SOMEWHAT OF A BREAKTHROUGH FOR THE FRG: THIS READING ROOM WILL BE THE FRG'S FIRST OUTSIDE OF AN EMBASSY IN EASTERN EUROPE.

3. EMIGRATION: EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS WAS THE OTHER POSITIVE ASPECT OF THE CONSULTATIONS. GLIGA SAID THAT THE GOR HAS SO FAR THIS YEAR APPROVED 5,370 FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND 300 MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS. SINCE GERMAN FIGURES SHOW 2,847 ARRIVALS FROM ROMANIA THROUGH THE END OF MARCH, THE FRG EXPECTS THE HIGH LEVEL OF EMIGRATION WHICH HAS MARKED THE PAST FEW MONTHS TO CONTINUE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THE FONOFF IS WORRIED ABOUT CEAUSESCU'S ATTACK ON MARCH 28 AND THE ENSUING PRESS CAMPAIGN (BUCHAREST 2426 AND 2473), BUT DOES NOT YET KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN.

4. CULTURAL PROTOCOL: THE FRG PROPOSED A CULTURAL PROTOCOL FOR 1977-78, WHICH GLIGA TOOK BACK TO BUCHAREST TO STUDY. THE PROBLEM, WHICH DID NOT AFFECT PREVIOUS PROTOCOLS, IS A BERLIN CLAUSE. EXCHANGES ARE CONTINUING IN THE ABSENCE OF A PROTOCOL, BUT BERLIN INSTITUTES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE EFFECTIVELY EXCLUDED. CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR SOURCE AGREED THAT A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

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OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR ON THIS SAME POINT.

5. CONSULAR: IN ADDITION TO THE FRG'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO GAIN AN EXEMPTION FOR ETHNIC GERMANS FROM THE OCTOBER '76 REGULATIONS ON EXCHANGE OF CURRENCY, GLIGA COMPLAINED ABOUT THE FRG'S PRACTICE OF DOCUMENTING ETHNIC GERMANS ARRIVING FROM ROMANIA AS "EXPELLEES." (THIS IS DONE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE IMMIGRANTS ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT BENEFITS.) IN MAKING THIS COMPLAINT, GLIGA ECHOED A MUCH MORE STRIDENT ONE THE FRG HAS RECEIVED FROM POLAND.

6. OTHERWISE, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, A TOUR D'HORIZON
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ON MULTILATERAL SUBJECTS AND ECONOMIC MATTERS
PRODUCED NOTHING NEW.

7. COMMENT: THE FONOFF IS QUIETLY PLEASED ON THE ONE HAND AT THE SHARP INCREASE IN ETHNIC GERMAN EMIGRATION (JANUARY, 585; FEBRUARY, 722; MARCH, 1540), BUT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE GERMAN MINORITY IN ROMANIA ON THE OTHER. THE GOR APPEARS TO BE APPROVING THE EXIT OF TEACHERS AND OTHER INTELLECTUALS -- THOSE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER. THE ACQUISITION OF A READING ROOM IN BUCHAREST REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE FRG'S PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE. THE CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES ON NEGOTIATION OF A CULTURAL PROTOCOL IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW BERLIN

PROBLEMS INTRUDE INTO FRG/EE BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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